



FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative

Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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Partnering with Africa to Ensure Food Security for All

Africa has witnessed remarkable change in the space of one generation. The 2014 U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit is a historic opportunity to deepen our engagement.



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Over the past decade, African leaders have demonstrated a strong commitment to prioritizing agricultural development, food security and nutrition. And the United States has employed a more sustainable and effective model of development to support Africa's progress.

Recognizing that Africa's future will be determined by its own people, we've built our development programs around [African leadership](#). We share a commitment to ensuring the dignity, well-being and freedom of all people.

In fact, Africa has already transformed into a center of global growth, creating more opportunities for its people than ever before. The challenge now is to ensure these gains benefit all of Africa's people, for far too many Africans still endure the daily injustices of extreme poverty and hunger.

Even in a world with a growing population, limited natural resources and a changing climate, we have the [tools](#), technologies and partnerships to ensure this is an achievable goal.

Food Security

Inspired by African leadership and action on investing in agriculture, President Obama launched a global hunger and food security initiative as one of his first foreign policy acts, mobilizing the global community to focus on these issues.

Through the [Feed the Future](#) initiative, the United States has partnered with 12 African countries to generate broad-based economic growth and improve food security and nutrition. Together we are ensuring smallholder farmers, particularly women, have the tools they need to create a better life for their families and communities.

Pioneering a new model of development in Africa and beyond, Feed the Future is [accelerating progress](#) toward a world where no child goes to bed hungry.

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That's not all. In 2012, African and global leaders announced the next phase in global investment in agriculture and nutrition: the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition. Two years later, it's already accelerating progress and [delivering results](#).

A Climate-Smart Approach

Yet across the globe, and particularly in Africa, climate change threatens to reverse these gains.

That's why Feed the Future uses a [climate-smart approach](#) to ensure smallholder farmers can adapt and thrive despite variations in rainfall, higher temperatures, and more saline soils.

This not only helps farmers increase their productivity, but it helps communities increase their resilience and better withstand and bounce back from crises when they do happen.

Join us this week as we celebrate the progress Africa has made, strengthen our shared commitment, and discuss the challenges ahead—and what it will take for us to collectively overcome them—during the historic [U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit](#) in Washington, DC.

Learn More:

- [U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- [African Nations Lead the Way on Country-Owned Development](#)
- [Turning Africa's Green Shoots into Steady Growth](#)
- [Accelerating Progress to End Global Hunger](#)

U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit: Investing in the Next Generation

This August, President Obama welcomes leaders from across the African continent to Washington, DC, for a historic three-day summit to highlight the U.S. commitment to Africa and its people, advance our shared interests and priorities, and strengthen our partnership.

- When: August 4-6
- Details and Livestream: [White House website](#)
- Hashtags: #USAfrica
- [Statement by the Chair of the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit](#)

For more information read U.S. National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice's [remarks](#) on the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, [watch this video](#) from the White House, and [watch this video](#) from the U.S. Department of State.

Additional Reading:

- [U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit Opens in Washington](#)
- [Creating Lasting Partnerships for Africa's Future](#)
- [AGOA: Bringing African Products to the United States](#)
- [U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit: Climate Change Makes Sustainable Development Crucial to Africa](#)

Signature Event: Resilience and Food Security in a Changing Climate

African and U.S. leaders gather to discuss development cooperation on the interconnected issues of resilience, food security and climate change.

- When: August 4
- Details: [USAID website](#)
- Livestream: [View a recording](#)
- Hashtag: #USAfrica

Announcements and Additional Resources:

- [New Partnership to Build Resilience in Africa and Asia](#)
- [U.S. Engagement on Climate Change and Resilience in Africa](#)

- [U.S.-African Cooperation on Food Security](#)
- [U.S.-African Cooperation in Advancing Gender Equality](#)
- [New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Report and Website Launched](#)
- [Overview of Announcements Made by USAID on August 4](#)

Remarks:

- [Secretary Kerry Delivers Remarks on Feed the Future](#)
- [Secretary Kerry Full Remarks at Signature Event on Resilience and Food Security in a Changing Climate](#)

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U.S.-Africa Business Forum

A day focused on trade and investment opportunities in Africa during the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

- When: August 5
- Details: [Forum website](#)
- Livestream: [White House website](#)
- Hashtag: #USAfricaBizForum

Read this [blog post](#) from the U.S. Department of Commerce for more information and [view this fact sheet](#) from the White House.

Announcements and Additional Resources:

- [Doing Business in Africa on Trade.gov](#)
- [Investing in African Trade for our Common Future](#)
- [U.S. and African Leaders Announce Progress, New Partnerships to Help Millions of Farming Families through Agriculture](#)
- [Overview of Announcements Made by USAID on August 5](#)

Learn more about the three regional U.S.-African Trade and Investment Hubs, which Feed the Future supports:

- [West Africa Trade Hub](#)
- [East Africa Trade Hub](#)
- [Southern Africa Trade Hub](#)

Public Private Partnerships: Fostering Women's Economic Participation and Promoting Healthy Lives Through Technology and Training

First Lady Michelle Obama, in partnership with former First Lady Laura Bush and the Bush Institute, will host a day-long spouses symposium at the Kennedy Center focused on the impact of investments in education, health, and public-private partnerships.

- When: August 6
- Livestream: [White House website](#)
- Hashtags: #InvestinWomen #WomenSucceed

Announcements and Additional Resources:

- [Investments Announced at Symposium for African Spouses](#)
- [Blog Post from Walmart on Expanded Partnerships with USAID](#)
- [Remarks by the President at Press Conference After U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit](#)

Food Security in Africa



Did You Know?

- Nearly half of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa lives on less than \$1.25 per day. ([World Bank](#))
- But the potential for poverty reduction and economic growth on the continent, particularly through agriculture, is impressive.
- In fact, growth in agriculture is 11 times more effective at reducing poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa than growth in other sectors. ([ONE](#))
- And agriculture employs more than 60% of Africa's labor force. ([World Bank](#))
- Nearly half of these agricultural workers are women. ([World Bank](#))
- Africa is on the rise: 6 of the 10 fastest-growing economies over the last decade were in Sub-Saharan Africa. ([The Economist](#))

Feed the Future in Action

- [Climate-Smart Pearl Millet Has Potential to Impact Nutrition from India to Africa](#)
- [Farmers Reduce Risk and Increase Resilience with Drought-Index Insurance](#)
- [Vouchers and Insurance Help Smallholder Farmers Build Confidence](#)
- [Conserving Forests in Zambia While Promoting Food Security](#)
- [Smallholder Farmers Reap the Benefits of Conservation Agriculture](#)
- [Genetic Research Aims to Build Climate Resilience in African Goats](#)

Join the Conversation

The U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit may be in Washington, DC, but you can join too! Check out the conversation online by following our partners for live tweets from events throughout the week as well as lots of information, resources and stories celebrating Africa's progress.

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